COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 31st, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present—Mayor Meredith, Ald. Hyman, Brown, Skinner, Stringer, Cowan, O'Meara, Labatt, Becher, Boyd, Moore, Hunt, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk. Minutes adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

General Renwick—In reference to taxes on property near the river. No. 1.

E. H. Gustin—Against certain taxes. No. 1.

Wm. Pate—Asking permission to erect frame building in rear of his house. No. 3.

Miss E. Christie—Asking free use City Hall for newsboys' treat. Granted.

C. A Stone—Against income tax. No. 1.

Firemen—Asking free use of City Hall for 22nd, to hold their annual ball and supper. Granted.

Geo. Hughes—Asking permission to remove a portion of a frame building on York street. No. 3.

H. E. Nelles—Regarding back taxes. No. 1.

John Williams — Against sewer tax. No. 1.

Telegraph Company's account, $17.50. No. 2.

Mrs. O'Dell—In reference to sewer on Queen's avenue. No. 2.

A. M. Gunn — Respecting a sewer. No. 2.

R. Lewis—Wall-paper account, $17.72. No. 2.

R. Crosby—Relative to taxes. No. 1.

Jas. Bell—Against income tax. No. 1.

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman.

1. That the Fire Department accounts for the month and quarter ending Dec. 31, amounting to $869.17, be paid.

2. In reference to the petition of Chas. Stead and others, your committee beg to report progress.

Report adopted.

REPORT NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Brown, chairman.

1. Passage of pay rolls to the amount of $202.85, and the following accounts: Moses Cox, on Albert street sewer, $60; Queen's avenue, $22.50: Ridout street, $225; Park avenue, Dundas and Wellington streets, $116; Heard & Co., Plumbing, $13.14; Marshall & Stephenson, $1 50; John Reidy $2; Cathro & Rogers, Richmond street block pavement (in full), $50; Jas. Anderson, work at Registry office, $22.22; W. H. & C. R. Smith, $15.90: John Tanton, storage steam roller, $24; H. M. Douglas, balance on contract removing stones Oxford street bridge, $25; Wm. Anthistle, gravel, $56.44; Isaac Crouse, on contract, $393.50; Wm. Smith, William and Ridout street sewer, $400; Screaton & Gibson, Dundas and Colborne street sewer, $400.

2. The following accounts are referred to the Council: London Furniture Company, for desk for Registry Office, $41; Meteorological Office (for time ball) $104.70.

3. Street Railway Company's account for stone, amounting to $100. Not entertained.

4. Petition of Mr. Symes and others, re Carling's Creek; we report progress.

5. The City Engineer has reported to your committee the expenditure for this year to Dec. 20, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council.

Taken up clause by clause. First passed. The accounts for the Registry Office were referred to the Chairman and Engineer, with power, and that regarding the time ball was sent back to committee.

Last three clauses adopted.

REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman. Recommend payment of the following accounts:

Southam & Brierley, Registry Office	$34 00
R. Dennis, Registry Office	17 00
W. H. Heard & Co., City Hall and market	13 14
J. B. Smith, ditto	23 50
Police Station	1 50
E. H. Kordes, staining, etc.	16 50
Fire Department, pay roll	869 17
G. M. Gunn & Son, Insurance	20 00
Total	$994 81

2. That the petitions of Mary Tinsley and Janet Pritchard for remission of taxes for 1883 be granted.

3. That the petition of W. J. Reid, claiming error in charging taxes against lot No. 33, southeast York Street, be granted, and that the amount charged be struck off.

4. Your committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Finlay McNeil and others; and of Jessie McEwen and Amos Weston.

5. Your committee have caused to be prepared, printed and circulated, a circular containing extracts and explanations relating to the Free Library Act, for the information of electors.

6. Your committee beg to recommend a grant of $25 to the reporters of each of the city papers for services rendered to the committees and Council meetings, the same to be charged to the incidental expenses of the year.

7. Your committee beg to submit a by-law to provide for a further loan from the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the sum of $25,000, on account of the uncollected taxes of 1883, to be deposited to the credit of the several sinking fund accounts for the year.

Report adopted.

BY-LAWS.

To borrow $25 000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Passed.

Ald. Boyd moved, and Ald. Birrell seconded, that the time for payment of taxes be extended to April 1st without interest.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore, that one month be allowed without interest.

Ald. Hyman's amendment was lost on the casting vote of the Mayor. Yeas—Becher, Moore, O'Meara Cowan, Skinner and Hyman—6. Nays—Boyd, Birrell, Hunt, Browne, Labatt, Stringer and the Mayor—7.

The motion was then carried.

THE ASSESSMENT.

Ald. Boyd moved, and Ald. Skinner seconded, that the assessors proceed without delay with the assessment of 1884. Carried.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE TRUSTEES.

The following were nominated as Collegiate Institute Trustees; Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, Dr. C. A. Sippi, and Chas. A. Kingston. The vote resulted, Campbell, 7; Sippi, 6; and Kingston, 9. Dr. Sippi dropped out and the other two were declared elected.

The bylaw confirming the appointment was passed. Adjourned for two weeks.